

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:
Serial Number: 10/711,868
Filing Date: October 11, 2004
For: MASK SEAL INTERFACE

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Examiner: Peter D. MULCAHY
Group Art Unit: 1796

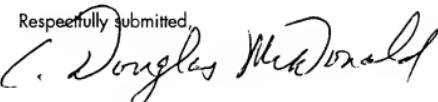
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed March 26, 2008, Applicant elects for initial prosecution Claims 27-30, directed to a face-seal interface for a respiratory mask, preserving its right to present claims 1-26 either subsequently in this prosecution or in divisional applications. Applicant further elects for examination that of species six on Table 1 in paragraph 43 of the application, directed to the additive Pentaerythritol Tetrakis (3-(3',5-di-tert-butyl-4-hydroxyphenyl)propionate). Applicant notes the Examiner's statement that all claims are generic to all of the species set forth, so that allowance of one of the generic claims noted above in the restriction requirement will entitle Applicant to consideration of claims to additional species.

It is believed that no fee is due. If it is determined that a fee is required, please charge the required fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 03-0683.

Respectfully submitted,


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